

How to Rehabilitate your Historic Wood Windows

Parts of the Window

Sash (upper and lower): section of the window consisting of the wood frame and the glass. In double-hung windows, both sashes are moveable.

Meeting Rail (beveled or straight): where the sashes come together when window is closed.

Stops: form the tracks for the sliding sashes. blind stop, parting stop, trim stop.

Sill: slanted surface at bottom of window. Allows water to run off

Weight: system for balancing the sash to hold it open and closed

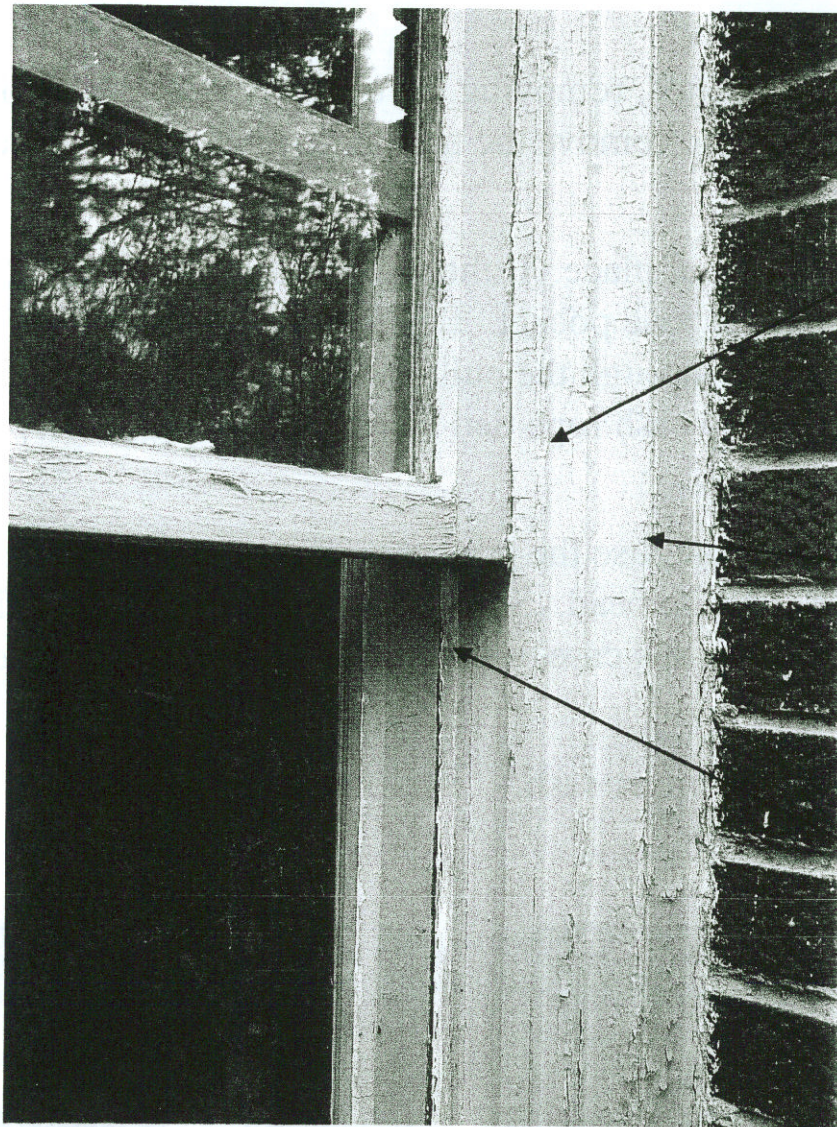
Weight pocket: area behind the interior casing for the weights to move freeing up and down

Pully: allows the movement of the sash rope up and down with the weight

Tools/Materials

You will need: Utility knife, hammer, flat blade metal scraper, pry bar

You may need: measuring tape, oil-based glazing, sash rope, replacement weights

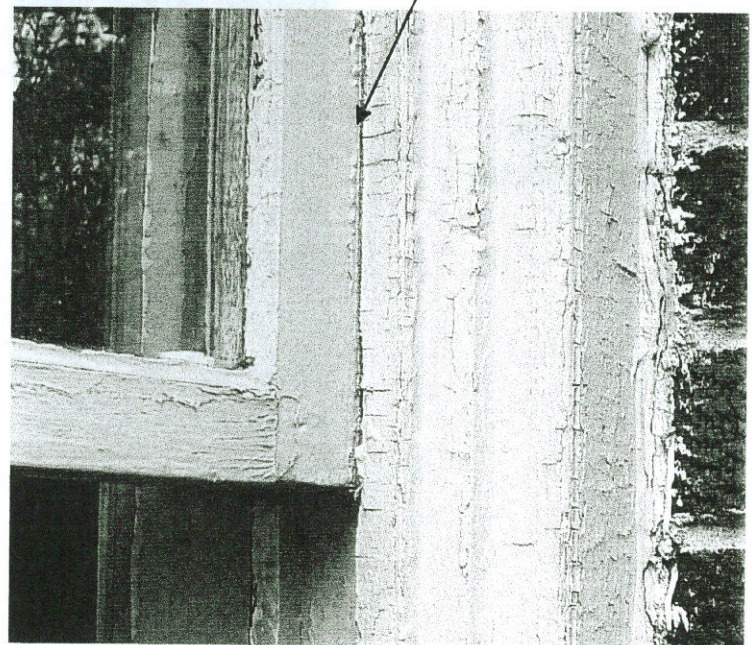


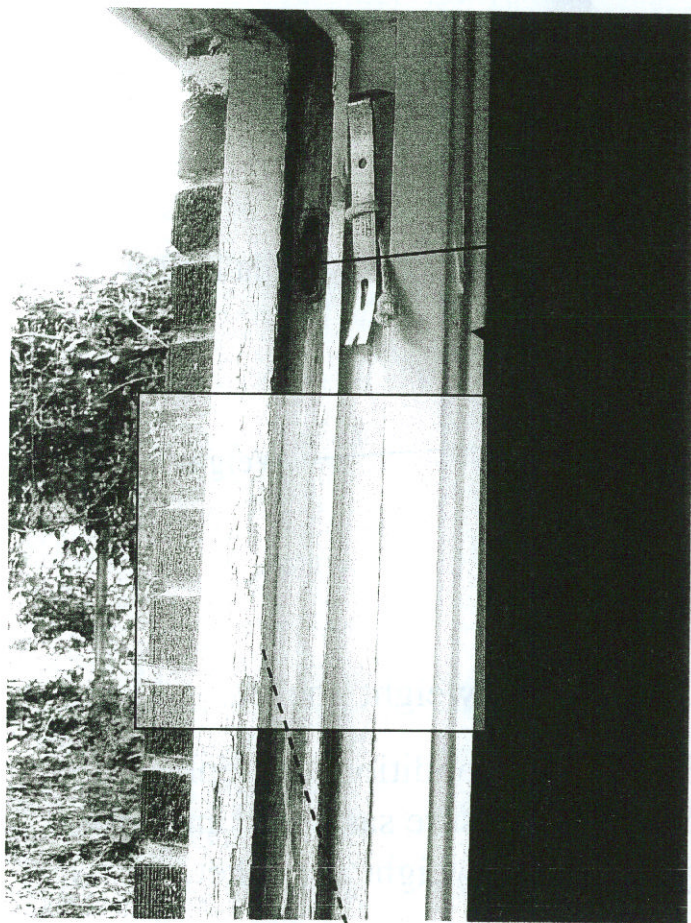
Blind Stop

Brick Mold

Parting Bead

Score Paint with
utility knife





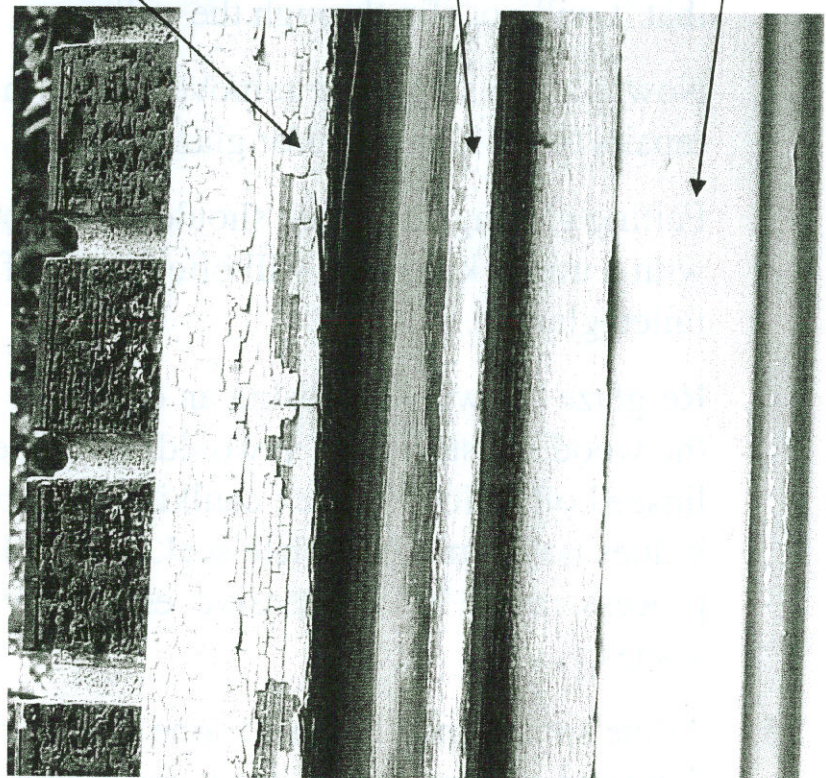
Weight Pulley

Casing

Parting Bead

Trim Stop

Blind Stop



Inset from above

16. One repaired, the sashes may be reinstalled.
17. Reinstall the upper sash first.
18. Place the sash rope knot back into the rope pocket on the side of the sash. It is a good idea to nail the knot in place.
Complete this step on both sides of the sash and place it back against the blind stop.
19. Reattach the parting bead.
20. Repeat step 18 with the lower sash.
21. Reattach the trim stop.
22. Reattach the casing in front of the weight pocket.
23. While reinstalling the stops and sashes, make certain that the components fit snugly. If not, the stops may need to be replaced to better fit the sashes.
24. Enjoy your rehabilitated wood windows and the character they add to your one-of-a-kind home!

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